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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: GROUP ART UNIT: EGWIM, K.

SERIAL NO.: 09/623,487

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FILED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2000

: EXAMINER: 1713

FOR: DISPERSION RESINS CONTAINING
ITACONIC ACID FOR
IMPROVING WET ABRASION
RESISTANCE

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2002, the period for response having been extended to September 19, 2002, by a Request for Extension of Time filed herewith, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 12 and 14 without prejudice to their further presentation in a Continuation application.

Please amend the Claims as follows.

9. (Amended) An emulsion paint, comprising:

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i) a polymeric binder, which comprises at least one copolymer P of ethylenically unsaturated monomers M in the form of an aqueous polymer dispersion;

wherein said copolymer P has a glass transition temperature Tg in the range of from